

California Department of Aging
Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act
(MIPPA)

Program Code:

The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) program code is 3905300.

Description:

Signed into law July 2008, MIPPA provides funding to help Medicare beneficiaries apply for two valuable benefits: the Low-Income Subsidy “Extra Help” (LIS/Extra Help); and the Medicare Savings Program (MSP). This funding helps states to increase outreach and awareness efforts to consumers with low incomes who are unaware of these valuable benefits. Federal MIPPA funding is allocated to Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Programs (HICAPs), and Aging and Disability Resource Connections (ADRCs) to provide this outreach and education to assist Medicare beneficiaries who are not currently receiving these benefits in applying for them.

Benefits:

Through LIS/Extra Help, low-income Medicare beneficiaries receive assistance in paying their monthly Medicare prescription premiums. The MSP provides additional assistance in paying Medicare premiums.

Eligibility:

Eligibility Factor	Description
Age	Outreach and enrollment assistance is provided for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals age 65 or older on Medicare• Individuals younger than age 65 with a disability and on Medicare• Individuals close to eligibility for Medicare and at least age 60

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Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements for LIS/Extra Help are available at the National Council on Aging (NCOA) website https://www.ncoa.org/resources/part-d-lisextra-help-eligibility-and-coverage-chart/ Requirements for the MSP are available at the Medicare website https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/help-paying-costs/medicare-savings-program/medicare-savings-programs.html
Other	Not applicable

Access:

Information on the MIPPA Program is available through the statewide toll-free HICAP telephone number at **1-800-434-0222**, the [California Department of Aging](https://www.aging.ca.gov/Programs_and_Services/Medicare_Counseling/) website (https://www.aging.ca.gov/Programs_and_Services/Medicare_Counseling/), and local outreach efforts, including public service announcements, fliers, articles, health fairs, presentations, and social media.

Current State Fiscal Year Funding Information:

This information is for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

Funding	Description
Source	MIPPA federal funds via U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Match Requirements	Not applicable
Other Information	Not applicable
Cycle	September 30 – September 29